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COME TO LOUISA FOR THE FOURTH.

Program Complete for a Big Time Here on Saturday of This Week.

Hon. Z. Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, W. Va., has kindly consented to make a speech at Louisa on July 4th. He will be the only speaker. His reputation as one of West Virginia's ablest lawyers and greatest orators is well known throughout this section and his kindness in accepting the invitation of the committee is generally appreciated. Mr. Vinson spent several years of his boyhood in Louisa, as his father, Hon. Sam Vinson, lived here for a long period.

Program:

The speaking will take place at 10:30 a. m. Beginning just after the noon hour the Sunday Schools of Louisa will render some interesting features. This will be followed by a free performance by the Georgia Colored Minstrels. Then will come the awarding of prizes shown in the following list, and the contests mentioned herein. Any couple who will get married in the presence of the crowd will receive license free, the services of a minister, and five dollars in gold. The Lawrence or Wayne county person coming the longest distance, \$2. All men present, a good hat. Largest woman, a silk present. Prettiest woman, a nice umbrella. Prettiest girl from 16 to 21, a silver purse. Prettiest girl from 12 to 15, a parasol. Prettiest baby from 6 to 12 months, a gold ring. Largest married couple, a rocking chair. Best lady horseback rider (astride) a bridle. Best old style dancer, \$2.00. Best fiddler, \$2.00. Best boxer over 16, \$2.00. Best boxer, boys 8 to 12, \$2.00. Largest family present, one barrel of flour. There will be plenty of music, shade and cold water throughout the day.

For the Women and Children.

The Nora Kennison Woman's Club has made special arrangements for the comfort of women and children who come to Louisa on the Fourth. The County Judge and Sheriff have kindly given up their rooms on the first floor of the court house for this purpose. Here will be provided chairs, ice water, toilet articles, and everything the visitors may need. All visiting ladies are invited to visit these quarters.

A street fair will be in Louisa on the Fourth, having come here for the entire week, but the local committee has no connection with it.

Special Attraction.

The committee has arranged with the Street Fair management to have "Dare Devil Thompson" do his great and thrilling bicycle stunt twice during the day. He rides down a long incline and leaps across a wide chasm. This will be in full view of the crowds and free to all.

We are requested to announce that this act will be done also on Friday evening.

A FINE SERMON.

On several former occasions when the NEWS man heard the Rev. Frederick F. Shannon preach in this city he endeavored to jot down in a sort of abbreviated long hand the salient points of the speaker's sermons in order to reproduce them in enlarged form for the benefit of our readers. On last Sunday, however, he left his pen on his desk and gave himself wholly to the uninterrupted enjoyment of what many considered the best of the many splendid ones Mr. Shannon had preached in the M. E. Church South. The distinguished minister based his discourse upon the flight of the raven and the dove from the ark, and the heart satisfying and soul comforting fourteenth chapter of John's gospel. The raven, that low-flying, ill-omened bird of blackness, represented the agnostic—the man who doubts because he doesn't know, while the dove, the bird of white wing and snowy plumage, was shown as the man of faith and hope. From the instant the raven was released from the forty days imprisonment to the last flight of the dove, when it returned not again, Mr. Shannon held his fine audience by the spell of his eloquent words. He said he thought that last winged journey of the spotless bird could mean nothing less than the flight of the soul to its eternal home—the many-mansioned house prepared by Him who is the light, the truth and the way. The sermon was indeed a most spiritual, comforting one, one which will long linger in the mind and memory of all who heard it.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Frank Cotton, who lived near Jean, this county, was struck by lightning on the 19th of June and instantly killed. He had been plowing, when a storm came up and he took shelter under a tree. His dog was killed and two of his children who had gone to the field with their father were stunned but managed to crawl home and tell what had occurred.

Mrs. James Bromley and children, of Huntington, are visiting Louisa relatives.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK OF KENTUCKY NORMAL COLLEGE.

Commencement exercises of the High School Department of the K. N. C. will be held July 13th to 16th. A union service is planned for Sunday evening, July 13th, at the First Baptist Church of Louisa, and the commencement sermon will be delivered by Rev. Olus Hamilton. The various congregations of Louisa will join in this service. The graduating exercises will be held at the court house on Thursday evening, July 16th. The program for the Thursday evening exercises will be published next week.

The summer term will continue for two weeks after the commencement, with the Juniors in attendance. The fall term of High School Department of the K. N. C. will open on September 1st, with Professors Byington and Kennison in charge as usual.

MRS. JOHN C. C. MAYO.

Mrs. John C. C. Mayo who is undergoing treatment for nervous prostration as a result of her long vigil at her husband's bedside—a vigil unavailing in so far as the saving of his life was concerned—has the sympathy of everyone who knows of the circumstances of her bereavement.

The Mayo home was not the millionaire's home as seen through the glasses of fiction writers who cry down the rich. It was a home of contentment, mutual love and trust, and when Mr. Mayo was stricken with his fatal illness Mrs. Mayo could not delegate all of her authority and all of the labor of the sick room to hired nurses. The result is that she wrecked her health nursing her husband.

For such devotion in a woman whose circumstances admitted of the employment of a sick room staff entirely capable and of any size needed, the public has a great respect. We hope that her illness is not serious and that it will not be of long duration.—State Journal.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

The Louisa Coal Company is having some modern electrical appliances put in at the Torchlight mines. The work is being done under the direction of F. H. Hinman, of Flint, Mich., and will require considerable time. Mr. and Mrs. Hinman are at the hotel Brunswick.

A GYPSY SUPPER.

On Monday afternoon a number of the teachers and scholars of the Baptist Sunday School gave a gypsy supper in honor of the pastor's sister, Miss Ersie Hamilton. The supper was spread and eaten near the old Gum Berry place. All the good things pertaining to such affairs were present at the beginning of the feast, but were "lost to sight but to memory dear" at the close. The affair was a very pleasant one.

HON. R. C. BURNS DIES AT CATLETTSBURG.

Prominent Lawyer of Boyd County Passes Away.

A deep and sincere sorrow falls on our community at the news of the death of Hon. Rowland Clay Burns, who died Sunday night at his home in Catlettsburg after a complication of troubles. He was a man of utmost integrity and in all his official and professional work no narrow views ever actuated him and no selfish ambition ever swayed him from the plain paths of duty to his constituents or clients. He was a Mason, a staunch Republican and loyal to his party, and the man who counted him his friend was fortunate, for he was indeed a true friend.

He was the son of the late Judge John M. Burns, and was born December 1, 1846, on East Fork, in Lawrence county. He was united in marriage to Miss Kenney Womack, of Carter county, a beautiful and talented woman, on September 5, 1866. This was indeed a happy union, and to them were born four children, John, James, the present county attorney; Roland, and a little daughter who died in infancy. The wife of the deceased passed away April 1, 1910, and she, who had been his stay and comfort so many years he deeply mourned.

Hon. Rowland Clay Burns entered the practice of law in 1866 and since has held many positions of trust, which he filled with fidelity and honor, and he also was commissioned Special Judge on numerous important cases throughout the Sandy Valley. There is not a man in Northeastern Kentucky who will be more generally missed. He was the acme of kindness. His funeral services were held Tuesday at 9 a. m. from his late home on Franklin and Louisa streets. Burial at the Ashland cemetery beside his wife and child.—Ashland Independent.

FIRE AT MERIDETH.

Egmont McComas, who lives a short distance below the mouth of Tabor's Creek, W. Va., suffered the loss by fire of his dwelling house and a large quantity of general merchandise on Tuesday afternoon. He had just completed a new store building not far from his residence, where he kept his stock, but had not moved into the store. Building, furniture and goods were entirely destroyed, and there was not a cent of insurance. Fortunately the new store was not injured.

SUICIDE BY TAKING CARBOLIC ACID.

Mrs. Mart Dixon Driven by Ill Health to Take Her Own Life.

On Monday of this week Mrs. Dixon, wife of "Little Mart" Dixon, who lives on Little Blaine, about two miles above Mattie, this county, drank, either by mistake or with suicidal intent, enough carbolic acid to cause death within an hour after swallowing the lethal drug. She is survived by her husband. She was the daughter of "Uncle Lewis" Spencer, of Georges Creek, and was 59 years old. She had been married twice. Her first husband was George McGranahan, who was killed by lightning while on a raft in the Big Sandy not far from Louisa, about 16 years ago. Mrs. Dixon's neighbors say that her domestic matters were of the pleasant character, and that if the unfortunate woman purposely ended her life it must have been that she had become unbalanced in mind as a result of long continued ill health.

It is said she attempted suicide once before. This time she went into the cellar when her husband sat down to the supper table. She came back in a few minutes and went to the bed, remarking that she had taken enough this time to do the work. Death came in forty minutes.

BIG SANDY BLOOD WILL TELL.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 24.—William Rowland Williamson, of Memphis, is one of the honor graduates this year from Beloit College, at Beloit, Wis., which held its commencement exercises today. He has taken the entire four years' course and has been a member of the base ball and football squads, as well as winning the college B in track athletics, being the star quarter-mile runner of the school. He has figured largely in oratory and music, and the leader of the Glee Club 1913-14.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

DAMAGED BY FIRE.

The handsome suburban residence of Dr. W. B. McClure, of Lexington, was badly damaged by fire on Monday last. The neighbors saw a bucket brigade lead the flames in check until the arrival of the engine from the city, when they were extinguished. Much of the furniture was injured by removal. Mrs. McClure was alone in the house when the fire was discovered and was naturally rendered quite nervous by the shock. The fire originated in a chimney flue which had been stopped up to prevent the escape of soot.

A DONITHON WEDDING.

Early Saturday morning Merida Fyffe, of Donithon, called at the Clerk's office and later in the day returned home and with his bride-to-be went to the home of Rev. H. W. Lambert, at Donithon, and were quietly married. Miss Dicie Hill is the young bride.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Sunday School at 9:00 a. m. Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Senior League at 6:30 p. m. Miss Emma Vaughan, leader. Installation of new officers. Preaching services at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The Sign of the Times." Special music. All are welcome.

B. M. KEITH, Pastor.

BALL GAMES.

On Thursday and Friday last Fort Gay and Paintsville played ball, both games resulting in favor of Fort Gay. On Saturday Naugatuck and Fort Gay played, with victory again for the boys across the river. All the games were played in Louisa.

BIG VERDICT RENDERED.

In the case of Sarah Dwyer, admx., vs. the C. & O. Ry. Co., a verdict was rendered for \$16,000 in the Boyd Circuit Court, in favor of plaintiff, who is the widow of Richard Dwyer, who was killed some time ago at England Hill, when in the employ of the company and for which the widow seeks to recover damages.

The many friends of Mr. Jay O'Daniel, formerly the efficient Superintendent of Schools of Lawrence county, will be glad to learn that he has succeeded in securing the adoption of some text books in Kentucky which are published by the publishing house which he represents. These books will be used in the common schools throughout Kentucky for a period of at least five years. Mr. O'Daniel has been at Frankfort working on this proposition ever since January 1st.

Eldred Buskirk, son of Tom Buskirk, of Martin county, was here last week. Mr. Buskirk was for several years a member of the famous Texas Rangers, the noted border patrol of the Lone Star State. He is a big, husky, chap, of pleasant demeanor, and looks able to take care of himself in a scrimmage. He now represents a typewriter company. He was born on Big Hurricane.

Miss Edith McClure, the daughter of Professor and Mrs. George McClure, of Danville, was in the city Saturday on the way to New York to join Mrs. Margaret Swope and the Misses Swope of Kansas City, to be their guest for a trip of several months abroad. Mrs. McClure came with her daughter from Danville to see her started on the journey and was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. McClure at Tynebrae.—Lexington Leader.

BRIDE-ELECT WELL KNOWN IN LOUISA.

An engagement of interest to Huntingtonians and to friends in the tri-state section has just been announced. It is that of Miss Fern Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wright, of Ceredo, and Mr. Guy Shaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shaut, of Ashland. It will be an elaborate wedding with a number of prominent social leaders at the home of the bride's parents, followed by a reception and dance at the Frederick Hotel. The date has not been decided upon but will be an event of the early fall. Miss Wright is not only very interesting but very clever and good looking.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF BLAINE AND VICINITY.

Stop buying goods for a while as Jake is coming with one of the greatest money-saving sales Blaine has ever witnessed, in the Cambridge Williams building about the 15th of July. Will have the best line of goods Blaine has ever seen and it will make competition tremble. But you know Jake does not care and am sure the people do not care. So wait for Jake the Jew. He is coming. (adv. 11)

MARCUM-SCAGGS.

On Tuesday, June 30th, at the home of the bride, Miss Emma Marcum, of Ceredo, and Fisher Scaggs, of Wayne, were married by the Rev. H. A. Slaughter, pastor of the Catlettsburg M. E. Church South. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Marcum, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Vinson, of this city. She is a very bright, pretty and attractive young woman, well known in this city. Mr. Scaggs is a rising young attorney of Wayne county, having a promising outlook for the future. The young couple will reside at Wayne, the county seat.

MUST KEEP WAITING ROOM OPEN.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the decision of the Floyd Circuit Court in the case of the C. & O. against Lauch, stating that a railroad company is not required to keep and maintain waiting rooms for passengers at flag stations during the night time, but it must, however, keep its waiting room for passengers open at a passenger station or depot for all trains that stop there regularly.

RAILROAD NOTES.

The C. & O. has closed an agreement to operate the Elkhorn & Beaver Valley Railway, which was recently built from a connection with the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. up the valley of Beaver Creek in Floyd county, about 25 miles to coal mines.—Manufacturers Record.

ANOTHER GOOD OIL WELL NEAR FALLSBURG.

Well No. 3 on the Savage Tract Looks to be Very Good.

Oil well No. 3 on the Wm. Savage tract near Fallsburg, property of the Big Blaine Oil Company, is being drilled in today. In ten hours after sand was reached the oil stood 120 feet in the well. The drilling continued until 35 feet of Berea had been perforated. This is regarded as probably the best showing yet made by any well in this field.

Another well will be started right away by the same company on the farm owned by A. O. Carter and Tom Hays.

The Big Blaine Company is certainly doing its part for the oil business in this county.

FOR THE COMFORT OF WOMEN.

The offices of the sheriff and county judge will be cleaned and put in order as places of rest for women on the 4th of July. The rooms will have plenty of chairs and, with the toilet room and the hall, will be for the exclusive use of women on that day. They can use them as much as they desire and are invited to make themselves at home. The rooms will be in charge of a competent woman who will show her guests every attention. This arrangement will fill a long felt want.

Joe Wheeler Davidson, a very bright and promising young man of Prestonsburg, died of typhoid fever on Friday last, aged 16 years. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davidson, of Prestonsburg.

On Saturday last Charley Holbrook went to Ashland and there met his two oldest children, Miss Ruth and George Ray, who had been attending school in Chicago. Mr. Holbrook and his four children are now at their old home in Blaine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Heeter and their guests, Mr. Heeter's mother and sister, Mrs. W. B. Heeter and Miss Hazel Heeter, of Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. F. C. Thompson, of Detroit, Mich., spent last Friday very pleasantly at the home of Wm. Shannon at Irond. On Saturday the visitors left for Charleston.

The social held on Friday last by the ladies of the M. E. Church South was a success, a good sum having been realized.

FIVE LIVES GO OUT IN A MINE.

Fire in Sycamore Mine Near William-son Causes Suffocation of Men.

Last night about midnight fire was discovered in the Sycamore coal mines, about four miles from this city. The fire was first discovered in the fan house at the mouth of the mine. Many men were in the mines working at the time the fire was discovered. All except five made their escape, but the fire is burning fiercely in the mine and all hope of the five surviving has been abandoned.

The five men entombed are: Grover Seabolt, James Collins, two brothers named Lyons, all white men, and Ben James, colored.

Pumps and rescue crews have been rushed to the scene of the accident and everything is being done that can be to stop the raging flames, but with little success up to this time. The property loss will be very heavy and cannot be estimated at this time.

Physicians claim that the entombed men were dead in a very short time after the fire broke out as it would be impossible for them to exist under the pressure of the intense heat.

LATER:—Just as we go to press news is received that the bodies of the five men have been recovered from the mine about 2 o'clock. All the men were dead. The fire is still burning.—Williamson Daily News.

DEATH OF MISS ANNA CONLEY IN CINCINNATI.

Miss Anna Conley, aged about 40 years, and daughter of John Conley, deceased, died at her home in Cincinnati on Tuesday last of appendicitis. The body was brought to this city Wednesday evening and was taken to the residence of her stepmother, Mrs. Jennie Conley, on Lock avenue. On Thursday morning interment was made in the Fulkerson cemetery, the burial service being conducted by the Rev. Father Gosselin, of Ashland, according to the rites of the Catholic Church, of which the deceased was a devout member. The grave was near that of Miss Conley's father, who was also buried by Father Gosselin.

Miss Conley is survived by a sister, Miss Mary, who is a nun and is in a convent in Chicago. There are also living the Misses Ruth and Nora Conley and Mrs. Jamison Skeens, of this city, who are half sisters, and John, Mike and Will Conley, and Dr. George Conley, of Williamson, half brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Jamison Skeens a few days ago started to Arizona. They stopped in Cincinnati to see their sister, not knowing she was sick. They remained until her death and returned with the body to Louisa.

IN MEMORY.

On last Monday evening the dark banner of Death waned over the home of Cecil Pennington and took away their darling little baby Marie. She was born March 20, 1914, and died June 22, aged three months and two days. Her stay was short in this world, but sweet it was as only a sunbeam taken to brighten their home. Dear parents, we know you miss little Marie, but buds open fairer in paradise and God reached a loving hand and took little Marie to fill a vacancy around the throne of God. You will never see her smiling face and hear her voice again on earth, but prepare to meet her on the other shore. Somewhere on the shores of Eternity is your darling, waiting your coming. We know you loved her, but Jesus loved her dearer and took her to live with Him. Her funeral was preached on the graveyard by Bro. Martin Berry. She was laid to rest on the Cooksey point. The pall bearers were Misses Sophia and Mary Pennington, Sophia Wright and Rebecca Arrington.

A RELATIVE.

YATESVILLE.

Sunday School at this place is progressing nicely under the efficient supervision of Thos. Murphy. We hope the good attendance and the interest that is now being manifested in the school will continue throughout the year.

The sick of our community are improving. Chester Diamond and Alvin Short attended church at Fallsburg Sunday night.

Several from this place attended the ice cream social at Deephole Saturday night.

Mrs. G. C. Short is very ill. Gene Bolt attended Sunday School at Yatesville Sunday.

Miss Edith Huff, of Huntington, is visiting friends here this week.

Misses Fanny and Stella Cornwell attended the festival at Deephole.

Miss Josephine Rice contemplates a visit to Fallsburg friends soon.

We wish to announce that there will be an ice cream social at this place Saturday night, July 11, proceeds for our preacher and a singing school.

Miss Olive Rice will soon leave for a visit to Chattanooga.

Miss Nancy O'Daniel, of Huletts, will visit relatives here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Wheeler are visiting the latter's parents at this place. Miss Ollie Short will soon leave for Dayton, O., to visit her aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hayes were shopping in Louisa last week. Miss Hattie Carter is spending a few days with her aunt in Ashland.

A MEXICAN GILL.

TRAIN SERVICE ON BEAVER CREEK RAILROAD.

Train service started Wednesday on the Beaver Creek branch of the C. & O. Passenger train leaves Wayland at 7 a. m., arriving at Beaver Creek 10 a. m. Returning leaves Beaver Creek 10:50, reaching Wayland 12:30. In the afternoon another round trip is made as a mixed train. Leaves Wayland 12:50, arrives at Beaver Creek 2:20. Leaves Beaver 3 o'clock, arrives Wayland 5 p. m.

F. T. HATCHER FOR CONGRESS IN THE 10th.

The Democratic nomination for Congress in the Tenth district has been given to Hon. F. Tom Hatcher, of Pikeville. There is also a Progressive candidate, Hon. Mr. Hoskins, of Pikeville. The Republican candidate is Congressman Langley. All live at Pikeville.

Mr. Hatcher is very popular and will make a strong race. The normal majority is against him, but stranger things than his election have happened. Hurrah for Tom Hatcher!

WERE MARRIED IN PORTSMOUTH.

Miss Selma Magdaline East and Mr. E. W. Richard were married in Portsmouth on Sunday evening last. The wedding was a church one, and the Portsmouth papers say the bride was very attractive in her exquisite gown of white embroidered crepe.

This marriage has a bit of local color from the fact that the groom is one of the managers of the Pierce Department Store sale. Mr. and Mrs. Richard arrived here on Monday and are at the Brunswick. The bride is very handsome, pleasing and attractive in manner. Mr. Richard is a store manager in Portsmouth and is to be congratulated upon his good fortune in securing his partner for life.

MR. SHANNON AT M. E. CHURCH.

The Rev. F. F. Shannon will be heard by a large audience at the M. E. Church next Sunday morning. The people hear him gladly whenever they have an opportunity for doing so, and the readers of the NEWS will be pleased to know that the eloquent preacher will be in evidence on this occasion. On this account there will be no morning service at the M. E. Church South.

HIT IN EYE BY BALL.

While witnessing a ball game in this city recently Robert Vinson, Mill's son, was struck in the eye by a hard hit foul ball and seriously injured. Dr. Bromley, who was on the ball ground, took the lad to the hospital where the injury was attended to. For a short time it was thought the boy would lose the sight of the eye, but it is all right now.

TWO KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED.

Shooting Affray Occurs at Naugatuck on Last "Wet" Day in W. Va.

A man named Prince, about 33 years old and single, and one named Carlton, aged about 35 years and married, were shot to death at Naugatuck, 40 miles east of Fort Gay, on the N. & W. railroad, by Hi Maynard, a son of Ira Maynard, a well known citizen of that part of the county.

The homicide occurred about ten o'clock on the night of Monday, June 29th, and was the outcome of a quarrel between Prince and Maynard some time in the day. What this altercation was about is not now known. It took place at Blanton, where Carlton lived, a short distance from Naugatuck. When it was over Maynard went to Naugatuck and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Prince. The warrant was given to special constable Hager, who placed it in the hands of Maynard himself to be served. Armed with this paper Maynard went to the hotel where Prince had taken a room and gone to bed. It is said that Maynard demanded the surrender of Prince who came down the stairs and then the shooting began. Prince received three balls from Maynard's pistol, while Carlton was shot twice and was instantly killed.

Prince was placed on No. 4 to be taken to the hospital at Williamson in a hope of saving his life, but he died shortly after the train left Naugatuck. Maynard was arrested by Constable Wallace Lawson, handcuffed and taken on a freight train to jail at Williamson.

Maynard, so it is said, claims that his shooting of Carlton was entirely accidental, as the victim of his revolver was his best friend.

FISH AND GAME WARDEN HERE.

Capt. F. F. Freese, State Game and Fish Warden, has been here since last Friday investigating matters relative to violations of the law prohibiting certain methods of fishing. He captured one net near lock No. 12 but failed to apprehend the owner. Capt. Freese is using every effort to protect the fish and game in our streams and forests and the good citizens should co-operate with his department by reporting any violations coming under their notice.—Estill Tribune.

F. B. Peters left Friday for Lexington to accept the position as general manager of the Ryan Company, railroad contractors.